Effect of embankment on the Pakistan border

941. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state that embankment which was constructed on the Pakistan border in order to facilitate all the work of border fencing has now become disadvantage for India as all Indian check posts are down below the embankment and when intruders attack from the other side of embankment is in advantage position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): Yes, Sir. The embankment (bandh), which was constructed earlier on Pakistan side of the fence in order to facilitate the work of border fencing and floodlighting does not have any defence/tactical potential. Hence, it has been decided to demolish the same.

Induction of army men into Delhi Police to beef up Commando Unit

942. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre plans to include Army men into Delhi Police to strengthen the commando activity, to meet the serious situations and emergencies occurring time and again in the Capital;

(b) if so, the salient features of this new plan;

(c) the estimated budget for this plan to be implemented;

(d) what will be the benefits to the Delhi Police force to tackle emergencies;

(e) whether this scheme will be taken up by other State Police force also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Undue delay in FCRA approvals

943. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge number of applications for approval of prior permission and permanent number under the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act are pending in the Ministry for more than a year and above;

(b) the reasons for this undue delay in granting permissions under the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act;

(c) the steps being taken to improve the system; and

(d) the total number of such applications separately under prior permission and permanent numbers pending for more than a year and above in the department?